Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is this not the fit time to take up original works comprising earth work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Funds permitting, yes.

An article in the Cochinite.

379. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the Editorial and the article "The Acting Diwan" by 'The Cochinite' appearing on page 4 of the Mahathi dated 18th February 1933;

(2) if so, have the Government enquired into the veracity of the statements contained therein ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Government have perused the article.

(2) The article is more an expression of opinion than an assemblage of statements. It did not call for any verification at the hands of Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is not the editorial of papers generally considered as expressing the opinion of the public?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are the editors fools?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Sanction of T. A. rates to Councillors in Chittur.

380. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Municipality of Chittur had prayed for sanction of T. A. to the Councillors at the rate sanctioned for the Chairman;

(2) if so, what was the reply to the prayer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No.

(2) Does not arise.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Members of the Municipal Council the same status as the Chairman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Obviously not.

Sanction for remission of house-tax—Chittur Municipality.

381. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) had the Chittur Municipality requested the Government for sanction for the remission of house-tax;

(2) if so, what was the reply of the Government;

(3) what were the reasons assigned by the Municipality for the remission;

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